

In the Broad Field of Religion

WOMAN CREATED WORLD, AVERS AN OLD TABLET

Confirmation of the Bible story of Noah and the flood is contained in an ancient Babylonian tablet, which was dug up by a museum expedition in Nippur several years ago, a translation of which has just been announced by the University of Pennsylvania. The tablet was written 4000 years ago, possibly more, and was translated by Dr. Arno Poebel at the museum of the university.

The tablet is the earliest known commentary on cosmology, geology and anthropology. Its more striking features may be grouped in this manner:

1. It was a female deity who created mankind. She was known as the "black-headed" from the color of her hair, proving that probably the first woman was a brunette.

2. The document explains some of the characteristics of the goddess, and many are suggested in other ways. For example, it refers to her as the equal of the male gods, inferring that perhaps woman had an equal voice with the man in deciding the affairs of state.

3. It relates which were the first seven prehistoric cities and the special god of each is discovered.

4. The older Babylonian name of the scriptural Noah is Ziusgida. This was never known to history before.

5. The deluge ruins of the prehistoric cities were not all destroyed; some not until historic times. This confirms much of the theories of archaeologists and geologists who never had any written documentary proof of their beliefs.

Tablet 7 inches square.

In strange symbols, so finely written that the entire poem is contained on 7 inches square, the primitive historians harks back to the beginning of all things. Then there were seven gods, chief of which were Anu and Enlil, and of goddess, Hintu, the tablet says. Hintu it was who created mankind, whom she called "my creation."

Like the first chapter of Genesis, the Babylonian poem opens with a recital of the creation. Hintu, god-mother of humankind, is lamenting that the other gods seem bent on their destruction.

"At that time Hintu walked like a woman in travail," reads the translation. "The Holy Mother walked on account of the people. Enlil, god of wisdom, held counsel with Anu, Enlil and Hintu over the proposed destruction of mankind. Ziusgida, high priest of Shuruppak, made obeisance to the gods, and prayed, prostrating himself in humility."

The Ziusgida of the Babylonians, it is believed, was the Noah of the Hebrews. The tablet tells of Ziusgida's learning from the great god Enlil that mankind was to be destroyed "by a rainstorm." Then comes a description of terrific wind and rains.

"After seven days the rainstorm had passed over the land and carried away the huge boat. Then the sun god came forth, shedding light over heaven and earth. Ziusgida opened the roof of his ship and the light of the sun god was let in."

The version differs in respect to the duration of the flood described in Genesis. There it was said to last forty days.

When the water subsided Ziusgida, prayed to the gods with a loud voice, the poem continues, and sacrificed an ox, a sheep, and something with "a great horn." Through the intercession of Hintu, the gods forgave the surviving human beings, and gave them immortality, which they did not possess before the flood.

From other tablets, found by the expedition, it would appear, the announcement says, that 460,000 years intervened between creation and the flood, although one epic writer asserts with painstaking accuracy that the exact time was 32,233 years, some months (exact number undecipherable) and eighteen days.

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MEN AND RELIGION IN AUSTRALIA

Paul J. Gilbert, who will be remembered as one of the party headed by Fred B. Smith and Raymond Robins, leaders of the Men and Religion Forward Movement, that spent a week of campaigning in Honolulu some months ago, has written the following article telling of the success of the movement in Australia:

"Although there has been an abundant supply of American evangelists in Australia during the past decade, and the public is not just now bidding enthusiastically for another supply, the Men and Religion party was accorded a rare welcome and a most sympathetic hearing in every place visited. This was due to the fact that our organizing secretary, Harry N. Holmes, did such effective preparatory work in going ahead of us and enlisting the local association and other Christian institutions over the real meaning of the new movement.

"It was likewise due to the fact that some eight years ago Fred B. Smith made an evangelistic tour through the east coast of the commonwealth that left a profound and abiding impression upon the lives of many young men. In a most extraordinary manner we saw evidences of the permanent fruits of that former visit. For instance, in the city of Sydney, we learned of seven men who are now in the ministry, and of several powerful lay workers who are doing splendid tasks in their churches, as the results of the decisions made at that time. In other cities there were striking evidences of the same work of the Spirit, and it must have been with great joy that our 'chief' grasped the hands of so many who were able to give so good an account of themselves after all these years. One young man who was converted in Adelaide at that time, is now attending a theological seminary in America, where he is already known as a minister of unusual power.

Y.M.C.A. NOTES FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD

"Flashes From Association Outposts," or, in other words, news and notes in brief from Young Men's Christian Associations in all parts of the world, has become one of the features of Association Men, the mouthpiece of the American organization, which is published monthly in New York City. People who are interested in association work in a certain district or a certain country, are anxious to keep in close touch with the work being done by associations elsewhere, and a glance at the two columns of notes which appear in every edition of the magazine, will enlighten the reader as to what is going on in associations in nearly every country.

The following notes are taken from a recent edition of Association Men: Nagasaki.—The high schools of the city were thrown open to Gael Fisher, who, before 500 young men, made an address upon student life in America and Europe, with a lot of Christianity woven in. It was the first time such a privilege had been granted a Christian worker.

Uruguay.—A small country community of 25 families of Waldensians in the interior of Uruguay has pledged \$1000 a year for three years to support a secretary that they may have an association organized among their young men.

Japan.—Four hundred Japanese and foreign teachers in the government schools assembled in Kyoto for a conference on methods of teaching. This was held under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. English Teachers' Association.

San Juan.—Hon. George Colton, governor of Porto Rico, put himself on record at the dedication of the new Y. M. C. A. building as saying: "The Young Men's Christian Association will make great a nation that adopts it. I shall always remember the accomplishments of the association workers as the most important event during my four years' residence among you, as it is one of the most important in the entire history of Porto Rico."

Foochow.—Mr. Cio, the association secretary, was urged to represent his province in the National Assembly, but refused, and is en route to Pittsburgh for a year's training in American association methods.

Brazil.—The largest association in South America is located at Rio Janeiro, and has an enrollment of 1600 members.

Korea.—Of the 500 Korean students in Tokyo, Japan, 200 have taken the first step in Christianity. Five years ago there were but five Christians among the 700 Korean students.

Lucknow.—Two Persian boys, converted from Mohammedanism, living in the association dormitories, were stoned and beaten in the streets by a mob, and turned from home by their parents because they chose the Christian life.

Foochow.—The association has organized Bible classes among the students of twenty-three different government schools. Sixty-three young men joined the church on one occasion.

Hongkong.—Forty thousand Chinese live in houseboats in the harbor

"A noticeable feature of the Australian campaign was the active interest shown by influential ministers who seem to care very little for ordinary evangelistic meetings. Community extension and social service usually claimed their enthusiasm. Concerning the latter, Doctor Rowe, pastor of the most influential church in Queensland, said one evening after hearing Smith and Robins on that topic: 'I have been waiting five years for someone who would dare announce to the church that social service was a part of the gospel message.' Rev. F. C. Spurr, pastor of the Collins Street Baptist church, and one of the most powerful speakers and writers in Australia, said at the close of the Melbourne campaign: 'The Men and Religion Movement is the greatest thing that has come to Melbourne in twenty-five years. I thank God for the wedding between evangelism and social service.'

In Sydney, the 'New York of Australia,' and the industrial center of the commonwealth, the lord mayor, who was deeply impressed by the results of Mr. Smith's former visit, publicly received the party and spoke with warm enthusiasm. He also presided at the men's meeting held in the great town hall on Sunday afternoon, and throughout our stay lent his power to make the work effective. The newspapers were also generous in the space allotted to news regarding the campaign, and expressed appreciation of its meaning through the editorial columns. Gillanders, the able secretary of the Sydney Young Men's Christian Association, in a letter written since the close of the meeting there, says: 'We have certainly caught a vision of our possibilities in this city. The Christian leaders not only feel that it is 'up to them,' but are emboldened to think it can and will be done. The whole business has been a triumph.'

DOCTOR BRODIE WILL DELIVER THIRD ADDRESS

Taking as his text "I Stand at the Door and Knock," Dr. Andrew Melrose Brodie, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Wichita, Kansas, who is spending the summer in Honolulu and incidentally filling the pulpit of Central Union Church, will speak in the Bijou theater tomorrow evening beginning at half-past seven o'clock, the occasion being the third of the Sunday night mass meetings now being conducted under the auspices of the local Inter-Church Federation.

The members of Central Union church have expressed many favorable comments with regard to the sermons which Doctor Brodie has delivered there since his arrival in Honolulu, and non-church members, as well as members of other congregations, should not miss the opportunity offered by these Sunday night meetings to hear the minister whose efforts have been built and placed him at the head of the largest church in Kansas. Doctor Brodie is not delivering any special series of addresses at these meetings, but is taking those which he feels will be most adapted. That he is an interesting as well as a forceful speaker may be seen from the increasing attendance at the local mass meetings in the Bijou. Many of the addresses which he will deliver in Honolulu during his stay here have been listened to by thousands of persons in the east, and they are sure to be of interest locally.

Last Sunday evening a Hawaiian sextette furnished the music for the meeting, and an equally enjoyable musical program is promised for tomorrow evening. The meeting is open to the men and women of the city, regardless of whether they are church members or not.

of Hongkong. Mr. Leison, the youngest director of the Chinese association and chairman of the religious work committee, raised a fund, bought a boat, and engaged a preacher to carry the gospel to them. All the churches of Hongkong are united in this work which was planned and carried out by the Christian Chinese.

Shanghai.—Fred C. Smith's work in the American and English communities reached its climax at a theater meeting when 90 young men made their decision to live a Christian life. Shanghai business men say that if Smith could return within the next two years a great moral upheaval would shake the city.

Osaka.—Dr. Sun Yat Sen addressed a representative group of Christian men in the association. He said: "The best way to defend the orient is to build up its manhood, and in this respect the mission of the Young Men's Christian Association is very great."

Sergeant D. Foster, 62 years old, died at Beacon, N. Y., on his return from Gettysburg, where he attended the reunion.

The wise girl doesn't scream when being kissed for fear of spilling the kiss.

Six hundred and forty-four thousand, three hundred and six persons attended continuation schools in France last year.

HARRY HOLMES WITH Y. M. C. A. IN SO. AFRICA

Local religious and social workers who were prominent in helping carry out the week's Men and Religion Forward Movement Campaign in Honolulu during the early part of this year, will be pleased to learn that Harry N. Holmes, who acted in the capacity of organizing deputy for the Smith-Robins world tour, has been appointed national secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association of South Africa, with headquarters at Johannesburg. Mr. Holmes' position with the Men and Religion Forward Movement tour was a large one, for it was he who went ahead of the campaign team and prepared cities and towns throughout the world for the coming of the campaigners. His accepting the position with the Y. M. C. A. in Africa does not mean that he has severed entirely his connection with the movement, for as national secretary of the association in Africa he will have an excellent opportunity for helping to carry out the recommendations left there by Fred B. Smith and Raymond Robins. In a letter to a friend in Honolulu, Mr. Holmes says:

"Greetings from the heart of Africa. We have just completed a wonderful series of meetings here with an attendance of 53,000 men in five days. I am remaining in Africa for at least two years as national secretary of the Y. M. C. A. I will go to England and America in 1915 and, of course, hope to see Honolulu. I did enjoy the royal reception which I received there."

SUNDAY SERVICES

CENTRAL UNION CHURCH

Rev. Doremus Scudder, D. D., Minister; Rev. Amos A. Ebersole, Associate Minister.

9:50 a. m.—Bible School. Mr. Vaughan MacCaughy, Superintendent.

11 a. m.—Morning Worship. Sermon by Rev. Andrew M. Brodie, D. D., of Wichita, Kansas. "Activity the Law of Development."

There will be no Christian Endeavor meeting and no evening service in this church Sunday, Aug. 24. The congregation is urged to unite in the Union Evangelistic Service in the Bijou theater at 7:45.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

All services held in the Odd Fellows' building, Fort street.

Sunday services, 11 a. m. Subject, "Mind."

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.

Wednesday evening meetings, 8 p. m.

Free reading room, Odd Fellows' building, Fort street. Hours, 11 a. m. to 1 p. m. All welcome.

CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL

Fort street, near Beretania. Rt. Rev. Libert, bishop of Zeugma, pastor; Father Maximin, provincial. Sunday services, 6, 7, 9 and 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Low mass daily, 6 and 7 a. m. High mass Sunday and saints' days, 10:30 a. m.

FIRST METHODIST E. CHURCH

corner Beretania and Victoria streets. R. Elmer Smith, Pastor. Telephone 3252. Parsonage adjoins church. The regular services of the church are as follows:

Sunday School, 9:45 a. m.
Men's Bible Class at 9:45 a. m.
Prayer Service at 11 a. m.
Epworth League Service at 6:30 p. m.
Prayer Service at 7:30 p. m.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7:30 p. m.

The Men's Bible Class is taught by Judge Quarles, and all men will receive a cordial welcome at this class.

Sunday School will take place at the usual hour. The pastor will preach at the 11 a. m. service, and the soloist will be Miss Bertha Kemp. Epworth League at 6:30 p. m.; leader, Mr. Lloyd R. Killam, associate secretary at the Y. M. C. A., where he has charge of the devotional work. This service will close promptly at 7:15 o'clock, in order to allow those attending to reach the Bijou theater in time for the Union service there, where Doctor Brodie will preach.

If you do not go to Sunday school elsewhere, we invite you to join one of our classes. You will find the hour not only an enjoyable one but a profitable one. The Men's Bible Class is taught by Judge Quarles and all men will receive a cordial welcome at this class.

Ours is a People's Church. People from every walk of life will find a cordial welcome awaiting them at all our services. You will find here a beautiful, well-ventilated church building, a homelike atmosphere, good music by a chorus choir, evangelical preaching, and inspiring and helpful devotional services. Tourists and settlers, strangers and the well-knowns, malihinis and kamaainas, are all alike urged to enjoy all the privileges of the church. "Come thou with us and we will do thee good."

REORGANIZED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

Church located on King street, one block Ewa of Thomas square. Sunday School, 9:45 a. m., classes adapted to all ages, and adult class in

both English and Hawaiian. I. H. Harbottle, superintendent.

Morning worship, 11 a. m., sermon in Hawaiian by James Puuohau.

Zion's Religious-Literary Society at 6 p. m. A systematic study of Latter Day Revelation and a normal course on the book of Mormon is being conducted, supplemented by a musical and literary program. James Puuohau, president.

Evening worship at 7:30 p. m.; sermon in English by Elder Barrett. Everyone is treated alike and all are made to feel at home. Strangers always welcome.

Those who are seeking the Old Jerusalem Gospel will indeed be welcome with us. Honest investigation invited.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHAPEL

Obua lane, Waikiki. Rev. Fr. Valentin, pastor. Sunday services, 9 a. m.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

1704 Lusitania street. Sunday services, 11:45 a. m. to 1 p. m. Sunday school, 10 a. m. Young Men's and Young Ladies' Improvement Association meets Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Ladies' Relief Association meets Friday at 10 a. m.

EPISCOPAL CHURCHES

St. Andrew's Cathedral.—Emma street, near Beretania. Rt. Rev. H. B. Restarick, bishop; Rev. Canon Wm. Ault, vicar. Sunday services, 7 and 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School, 9:45 a. m. Hawaiian congregations, Rev. Leopold Kroll, pastor. Sunday services, 9:15 a. m.

St. Clement's Church.—Wilder avenue, corner Makiki. Rev. Canon Usborne, rector. Holy Communion, 11 a. m.; evensong, 7:30 p. m.

St. Elizabeth's Church.—Corner King street and Pua lane. Rev. W. E. Potwine, pastor. Sunday services, 7 and 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Korean services, 2:30 p. m.

St. Mark's Mission.—Kapahulu road. Rev. Leopold Kroll, priest in charge. Services: Holy Communion, first Wednesday each month, 10 a. m.; morning prayer and address, other Wednesdays, 10 a. m.; Sunday School and children's service, 3 p. m.

Epiphany Mission.—Tenth and Palolo avenues. Rev. F. A. Saylor, priest in charge.

Services.—First and third Sundays, 7 a. m., 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Second, fourth and fifth Sundays, 11 a. m.

and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school every Sunday at 10 a. m.

Holy Communion first Sunday of the month.

THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

King and Alakea streets. David C. Peters, minister.

GERMAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Beretania avenue near Punchbowl street.

Sunday services at 11 a. m. and on last Sunday of each month at 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.

KAUMAKAPILI CHURCH

Rev. H. K. Poepele, Minister. 10 a. m.—Sunday School, International Sunday School Lessons. Mr. S. K. Kamaio, superintendent. Hawaiian department. Mrs. L. G. Marshall, English.

6:30 p. m.—Christian Endeavor. Service Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. The regular monthly services in English will be held at Kaumakapili Church tomorrow morning, beginning at 11 o'clock. Rev. Robert B. Whitaker will speak. A cordial invitation is extended to the public.

KAWAIAHAO CHURCH

Corner King and Punchbowl streets. Sunday services 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School, 10 a. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

767 Kinau street. Robert McKeague, acting pastor. Services Saturday at 11 a. m. and Sunday at 7:30 p. m. Sabbath School at 10 a. m. Services Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

SALVATION ARMY

Regular services held in Salvation Army Hall, Nuuanu street, between Merchant and Queen streets. Every evening at 8 p. m.

Friday, 8 p. m. Y. P. S.

Sunday, 10 a. m.—Sunday School; 11 a. m.—Holiness meeting; Sunday School at 2:30 p. m.; School and Liliha streets; Sunday School at 10 a. m. and 3 p. m. at Liliha street; Sunday School (Korean) at 3 p. m.

Ensign S. Manhart, officer in charge.

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